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In re Application of :
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Application No.: 10/588,568 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filing Date: February 7, 2005 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6)
Attorney Docket No.: 166470600 : :

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6), filed July 12, 2011 to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed provisional application set forth in the application data sheet (ADS) filed concurrently with the instant petition.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The present nonprovisional application was filed after November 29, 2000, and the claim herein for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed nonprovisional application is submitted after expiration of the period specified in 1.78(a)(5)(ii). Therefore, this is a proper petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6).

A petition for acceptance of a late claim for priority under 1.78(a)(6) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The petition complies with the requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) in that (1) a reference to the prior-filed application has been included in an application data sheet as provided by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(iii); (2) the surcharge fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(t) has been

submitted; and (3) the petition contains a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, having found that the petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to the prior-filed applications satisfies the conditions of 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6), the petition is granted.

The granting of the petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6) should not be construed as meaning that this application is entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the prior-filed application. In order for this application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed application, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4) and (a)(5) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed application should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed application noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether this application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed application, accompanies this decision on petition.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 1643 for appropriate action, including consideration by the examiner of the claim for benefit of the prior-filed applications.

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